

Remarks

Receipt is acknowledged of the Office Action mailed December 12, 2002. Claims 1-18, 23, 25-29 and 53 are pending. Claims 5, 25-27 and 53 are herewith cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, with entry of this Amendment, claims 1-4, 6-18, 23, and 28-29 will remain active in this case. No new matter is added with the amendments which are fully supported by the specification. Further, Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications claiming the subject matter of the cancelled and amended claims.

I. Rejections under 35 USC § 112

The prior rejection of claims 1-4, 6-18, 23, 25-29, and 53 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention, is maintained in part by the examiner.

The examiner alleges that there was no written description for a single-chain multiple antigen-binding molecule comprising an antibody that binds vectors consisting of cationic peptides, cationic proteins, cationic lipids, cationic polymers, or cationic porphyrins.

Without acquiescing in the merits of the rejection, and solely for the purpose of expediting prosecution, applicants have cancelled claims 5, 25-27 and 53 and amended claims 1 and 15 thus obviating the rejection.

Applicants submit that the amended claims are in condition for allowance and request favorable action thereon.

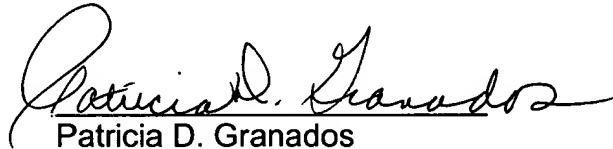
CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request that all rejections be withdrawn and the case passed to allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for applicants at 202-912-2142 for any reason related to the advancement of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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